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Joshua Phillips
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request 2018-IAFO-00234

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), dated May 1, 2018. You are requesting the following records:

Any records for (a) documents requesting, authorizing, or reflecting on or about; (b) copies of documents on, about, mentioning or referring to: (c) copies of any correspondence on, about, mentioning or referring to, or documents reviewed in any complaints and reports on, about, mentioning or referring to [21 topics]. Requests have been grouped for ease of understanding:

1,2,3. – Any presentations, notes, etc. regarding downgrading, eliminating or suspending the homeland threats division mission focus on Domestic Terrorism, Homegrown Violent Extremism, and Countering Violent Extremism since 2017 and 2018.

4, 7. – Any presentations, notes, etc., from the April 3, 2018 DHS senior leadership meeting at 0730 (EST) on, about, mentioning or referring to how I&A staff proposed to end ongoing analytic inquiries, the reassignment and physical relocation of analysts to various DHS components to provide investigative support, federating I&A staff, reorganizing I&A, or transferring any of their work to other U.S. government agencies, departments and bureaus.

5, 13 – Any presentations, notes, etc., from the April 3, 2018 DHS senior leadership meeting at 0730 (EST) about, federating the I&A staff.

6, 14, 20 - Any presentations, notes, etc., from the April 3, 2018 DHS senior leadership meeting at 0730 (EST) about, reorganizing the I&A staff.

Exhibit B

8, 9 – Any presentations, notes, etc., from the April 3, 2018 DHS senior leadership meeting at 0730 (EST) regarding I&A transferring any of their work to other U.S. government agencies, departments and bureaus.

10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. – Discussions about the subjects listed above, during the April 3, 2018 senior leadership meeting at 1500 (EST).

18, 19, – Discussions about the subjects listed above, on April 12, 2018.

21. – Correspondence with Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen about the I&A staff proposals to end ongoing analytic inquiries, and the reassignment and physical relocation of analysts to various DHS components to provide investigative support since 2018.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Per Section 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although DHS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. As your request will necessitate a thorough and wide-ranging search, DHS will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, as allowed by Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). If you care to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office.

We will search emails and records associated with the specified meeting attendees, and extend the search to include others identified as email recipients.

Your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

Your request has been assigned reference number 2018-IAFO-00234. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. You may contact this office at 202-282-8826 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Priscilla Waters

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Assistant FOIA Officer